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Re: Mats Mats Quarry - Proposal/DNR SEPA File No. 00-042001

The purpose of this memo is to document our opposition to the proposed expansion of operations of the Mats Mats Bay Quarry by Glacier Northwest.

Prior to the purchase of our retirement home on Mats Mats Bay in 1991, we were told by quarry management that mining would continue at the site for 6 to 8 more years, dependent upon demand for their products. Our decision to purchase in this area was made, in part, in expectation of the stated and implied time limitation of quarry operations.

Our tolerance of the dust, noise, diminished water quality, heavy truck traffic and extended hours of operation has been tempered by the belief that the situation is temporary and will end in the near future when the quarry is mined out. In the meantime, the Cascade Mountain Range view from our property has been replaced by an ever-growing mountain of mine waste and dust being fed by noisy heavy equipment.

We doubt that the current level of dust and noise from the crusher, conveyors, heavy equipment, and blasting is within EPA guidelines. Expansion of mining operations would only add to these problems. The proposed below-sea-level mining also raises questions of risks to the already-fragile freshwater aquifer and adjacent saltwater areas and risks further environmental impacts on wildlife, fish and humans.

In summary, it is not appropriate to expand Glacier Northwest's mining permit in the prime residential area of Mats Mats Bay. It is not in the community's best interest to expand the quarry operations. The primary benefits of this proposal would go outside Jefferson County and mostly to Glacier Northwest's foreign parent company.

We strongly recommend that Glacier's current mining permit not be expanded and that reclamation begin as soon as the pit has reached the depth on their current permit (+/- one foot sea level). Please do the right thing for the environment and for the residents of this area.

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Response to Letter 25

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1. Comment acknowledged. Please refer to Response to Letter 7 (Mats Mats Area Coalition), comment 116 for a discussion regarding stockpiles.
2. EPA noise guidelines suggest a day-night sound level (Ldn) of 55 dBA. This is not a regulated level because it does not take into account the cost or feasibility of implementing measures that could guarantee these levels. Many locations in the U.S. currently exceed this level, including some rural areas where wind can be the dominant noise source. However, existing sound levels in the project vicinity under light wind or calm conditions and with the quarry in operation ranged from 46 to 52 dBA Ldn, which easily meets the EPA guidelines.

The air quality dispersion modeling analysis described in *Appendix XII* of the Draft EIS indicates that the Quarry is currently in compliance with the PM10 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and would continue to be under the *Proposed Action*. Please refer to Response to Letter 4 (Jefferson County), comment 2 for additional detail on air quality modeling.

3. Comment acknowledged.